

# SUMMERTIME

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Music by  
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*Allegretto semplice*

Piano

*mf espressivo*

*p*

The piano introduction consists of two systems of music. The first system features a treble and bass staff with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody in the treble staff is marked *mf espressivo* and the accompaniment in the bass staff is marked *p*. The second system continues the melody and accompaniment, with the treble staff marked *mp* and the bass staff marked *rit*. The lyrics "Bells" and "Sum-mer" are written above the treble staff.

The vocal entry is marked *Moderato* and *much expression*. The key signature remains two sharps. The lyrics are "time an' the liv - in' is eas - y, Fish are". The piano accompaniment is marked *pp espr. R.H.* and features a series of chords in the right hand and a more active line in the left hand. The lyrics "Bells" and "Sum-mer" are written above the treble staff.

The continuation of the song features the lyrics "jump - in' an' the cot - ton is high." The piano accompaniment includes triplets in the left hand. The tempo markings *poco rit* and *a tempo* are used. The key signature changes to one sharp (F#) for the final section. The lyrics "Bells" and "Sum-mer" are written above the treble staff.

F# F#6 F#7 Bm6 C#m6 Bm6 C#m6 Bm6 C#m6

Oh, yo' dad-dy's rich, - An yo' ma is good - look - in, -

*R.H.*

Bm6 E7 D Bm E A9sus Bm *poco animato,*

So hush, lit-tle ba-by, don' - you cry.

*poco animato*  
*mf espr.*

E9 - 5 Bm6 C#m6/B E9 E9 - 5 (no 3rd) *poco rit* Bm6 C#m6 *Tempo I*

One of these morn - in's

*gva.*

*poco rit* *R.H.*

Bm6 C#m6 Bm6 C#m6 Bm6 C#m6 Bm6 Em7 Em7/G

you goin' to rise - up sing - in, - Then you'll spread yo' wings -

Em7/B B F# C#7 F# F#6 F#7

an' you'll take the sky. But till that

Bm6 C#m6 Bm6 C#m6 Bm6 C#m6 Bm6 E7

morn - in' there's a noth-in' can harm you With

R.H.

D Bm E A9 sus Bm E mp A9 sus

Dad - dy an' Mam-my stand - in' by.

D Dm/G dim. C F#7 (add D#) Bm Bm6

dim. ton. sva.